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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

As of January 1, 1986, total stocks of raw wool amounted to 50.7 million pounds (scoured basis) as compared with a total of 58.9 million pounds as reported for January 1, 1984, a 13.9-percent decrease. Stocks of carpet wool decreased 19.0 percent while stocks of apparel wool decreased 13.4 percent.

A description of the survey methodology and other related information appears on page 5.

Table 1. SUMMARY OF STOCKS OF APPAREL CLASS SHORN AND PULLED WOOL OF THE SHEEP AND CARPET WOOL HELD IN THE UNITED STATES: 1974 TO 1986

(Millions of pounds, scoured basis)

January 1	Apparel			Carpet
	Total	Domestic	Foreign	
1986	46	28	18	4
1984	53	32	22	5
1982	45	31	14	5
1980	42	30	12	5
1978	35	26	9	7
1976	40	32	8	8
1974	41	31	10	12

Note: Detail may not add to total because of independent rounding.

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Table 2. COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF CARPET WOOL IN THE UNITED STATES

(Thousands of pounds)

Product description	Equivalent scoured basis[1]		As reported					
			January 1, 1986			January 1, 1984		
	January 1, 1986	January 1, 1984	Greasy	Estimated scoured weight	Scoured	Greasy	Estimated scoured weight	Scoured
Carpet wool	4,417	5,452	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Shorn	4,315	5,319	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pulled	102	133	-	-	102	-	-	133

- Represents zero. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.

[1] Includes stocks held on consignment and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation. Data are not included for companies with stocks of less than 10 thousand pounds.

Table 3. COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF APPAREL CLASS WOOL OF THE SHEEP IN THE UNITED STATES

(Thousands of pounds)

Origin and grade	Equivalent scoured basis[1]	Greasy wool				Scoured wool	
		Shorn (including washed)		Pulled			
		Greasy weight	Estimated scoured weight	Greasy weight	Estimated scoured weight	Shorn	Pulled
JANUARY 1, 1986							
Wool of the sheep	46,258	52,885	29,295	2,395	1,491	14,730	742
Domestic	27,896	36,306	17,953	1,849	1,053	8,773	117
64s and finer	6,930	12,012	5,952	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
60s up to 64s	6,520	9,801	5,234	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
56s up to 60s	9,808	9,450	4,415	1,361	765	4,560	68
48s up to 56s	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,161	(D)
47s and coarser	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-
Foreign	18,362	16,579	11,342	546	438	5,957	625
64s and finer	5,903	3,680	2,459	(D)	(D)	3,437	(D)
60s up to 64s	8,702	11,566	7,987	(D)	(D)	647	(D)
56s up to 60s	1,931	1,122	761	147	134	817	219
48s up to 56s	1,089	128	84	159	144	547	314
47s and coarser (except carpet)	737	83	51	(D)	(D)	509	(D)
JANUARY 1, 1984							
Wool of the sheep	53,405	65,353	36,729	2,097	1,354	14,513	809
Domestic	31,799	44,104	22,633	1,723	1,053	8,010	103
64s and finer	6,705	11,685	5,811	(D)	(D)	830	(D)
60s up to 64s	8,047	13,794	6,729	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
56s up to 60s	10,148	10,363	5,861	1,031	518	3,613	56
48s up to 56s	6,884	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,476	(D)
47s and coarser	15	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	-
Foreign	21,606	21,249	14,096	374	301	6,503	706
64s and finer	7,596	5,731	3,841	(D)	(D)	3,750	-
60s up to 64s	8,860	12,739	8,141	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
56s up to 60s	2,956	2,488	1,893	100	95	716	252
48s up to 56s	1,374	89	56	108	102	901	315
47s and coarser (except carpet)	820	202	165	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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[1] Includes stocks held on consignment, stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation, and stocks held in bond. Does not include wool held for the account of domestic growers except that held on consignment for growers. Stocks of companies with less than 10 thousand pounds of wool are not included.

Table 4. STOCKS OF FOREIGN WOOL OF THE SHEEP HELD IN CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSES

(Thousands of pounds)

Product description	Equivalent scoured basis	Greasy wool				Scoured wool	
		Shorn (including washed)		Pulled			
		Greasy weight	Estimated scoured weight	Greasy weight	Estimated scoured weight	Shorn	Pulled
JANUARY 1, 1986							
Wool[1]	6,846	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,705	(D)
Apparel wool	6,846	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,705	(D)
Carpet wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY 1, 1984							
Wool[1]	9,008	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,599	(D)
Apparel wool	9,008	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,599	(D)
Carpet wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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[1] Includes foreign wool held in Customs Bonded Warehouses that has not been cleared by the Bureau of Customs for entry into consumption channels. These inventories are also included in tables 1 and 2.

Table 5. COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF ANIMAL FIBERS OTHER THAN WOOL OF THE SHEEP IN THE UNITED STATES

(Thousands of pounds)

Product code	Product description	Equivalent scoured basis[1]	Greasy		
			Greasy weight	Estimated scoured weight	Cleaned
	JANUARY 1, 1986				
	Mohair	1,304	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 33	Grown (30s and coarser)	1,148	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 35	Kid (31s and finer)	156	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 37	Common goat hair (combing length only)				
02297 41	Alpaca	1,119	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 45	Other llama fibers, camel hair, and cashmere				
	JANUARY 1, 1984				
	Mohair	1,250	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 33	Grown (30s and coarser)	1,113	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 35	Kid (31s and finer)	137	187	(D)	(D)
02297 37	Common goat hair (combing length only)				
02297 41	Alpaca	1,152	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 45	Other llama fibers, camel hair, and cashmere				

(D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.

[1] Includes stocks held on consignment and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation.

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Table 6. STOCKS OF TOPS AND NOILS IN THE UNITED STATES

(Thousands of pounds)

Product code	Product description	January 1, 1986		January 1, 1984	
		Tops	Noils	Tops	Noils
02297 31	Wool of the sheep	5,725	5,523	7,203	8,506
	Mohair	50	91	51	124
02297 33	Grown (30s and coarser)	(D)	77	(D)	99
02297 35	Kid (32s and finer)	(D)	14	(D)	25
02297 37	Common goat hair (combing length only)	(D)	-	(D)	-
02297 41	Alpaca	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
02297 45	Other llama fibers, camel hair, and cashmere	-	(D)	-	211

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Table 7. STOCKS OF MANMADE FIBER STAPLE HELD BY WOOLEN AND WORSTED MANUFACTURERS AND WOOL DEALERS

(Thousands of pounds)

Product code	Product description	January 1, 1986	January 1, 1984
	Manmade fiber staple stocks[1]	22,678	21,005
02820 17	Carpet type (cleaned)	5,374	6,191
02820 19	Other type (cleaned)	17,304	14,814

[1] Represents total stocks held by woolen and worsted manufacturers and wool dealers. Manufacturers with cotton system spindles reported stocks of 63,729 thousand pounds of manmade fiber staple on December 28, 1985 and 97,145 thousand pounds of manmade fiber staple on January 2, 1984.

DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY

Scope of Survey. This survey covers establishments with stocks of wool, tops, and related fibers in the United States. Also included are establishments holding these fibers on consignment for growers or foreign exporters for whom they are acting as United States agents.

Survey Methodology. The statistics in this publication were collected by mail on Bureau of the Census annual Form MA22M, Stocks of Wool and Related Fibers. The survey panel includes all known establishments, approximately 65, which own or hold on consignment for growers of foreign exporters, stocks of wool and related fibers.

Reliability of Data. Survey error may result from several sources: (1) inability to obtain information about all cases in the survey; (2) response errors; (3) definitional difficulties; (4) differences in the interpretation of questions; (5) mistakes in recording or coding the data obtained; and (6) other errors of collection, response, coverage, and estimation for missing data. These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. Although no direct measurement of the biases due to nonsampling errors has been obtained, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing, and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Carpet Wools. Donskoi, Smyrna, Cordova, Valparaiso, Ecuadorian, Syrian, Allepe, Georgian, Turkestan, Arabian, Bagdad, Persian, Sistan, East Indian, Thibetan, Chinese, Manchurian, Mongolian, Egyptian, Sudan, Cyprus, Sardinian, Pyrenean, Operte, Iceland, Scottish Blackface, Black Spanish, Kerry, Haslock, Welsh Mountain, similar wools without Merino or English blood, and all other wools of whatever blood or origin 46's and coarser that will be used for carpets.

Stocks of Wool and Related Fibers. Includes all stocks held in bonded warehouses and all stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation. Does not reflect purchase or sale commitments on the future market or wool contracted before shearing.

Stocks of Manmade Fiber Staple. Includes only stocks of these fibers held by woolen and worsted manufacturers and wool dealers.

Pulled Wool. Wool obtained from pelts or hides of dead sheep.

Shorn Wool. Wool taken from live sheep.

Scoured Wool. Wool that has been washed to remove as much dirt as possible.

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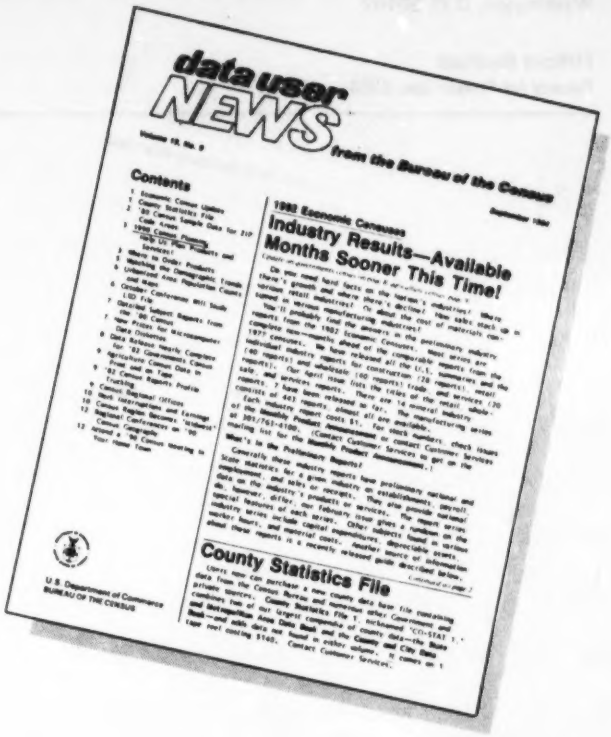
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